

# De Anza students defend womens' right to choose in reaction to anti-abortion display

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Self-organized De Anza students have been counter-protesting anti-abortion protesters in the quad last week. The students held up signs promoting womens' right to choice in front of the graphic anti-abortion signs.

Ana Karen, 19, psychology major, held up a sign that said, "If it's not your body, it's not your decision."

"It makes me angry," Karen said. "They're speaking on a subject they have no direct connection to."

Another sign said, "No men can decide what's good or bad for women, and no one can decide what's best for me! #mypassy, mybody."

Itzel Sanchez, 20, sociology major, said while she respected others' opinions, it was wrong for men to tell her what to do.

"It's wrong that white men with privilege are telling women what we can or cannot do," Sanchez said.

De Anza President Brian Murphy thanked the students for standing up against the protestors.

The pro-life protesters are from an organization called "Project Truth," which visits colleges and high schools to spread "the horrible truth about abortion."

One of their members, Ed Whitefield, said their time here had been successful since they were able to have constructive dialogue with students, even if they did not come to an agreement.

Ky Caro, 31, child development major, disagreed and said that it was inappropriate to have such graphic pictures being displayed on a campus that children are regularly on.

"This is not OK to show on any campus," Caro said.



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President Brian Murphy commends the protestors Itzel Sanches, Chi Tran and Emily Katsuta for standing up against the anti-abortion advocates on April 19 in the main quad.